

# School Outreach Programs



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# Bring the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center right to <u>your</u> classroom!

Our mission is to create passion for and knowledge of the natural world in the hearts and minds our citizens, which will lead to increased understanding and stewardship of our natural environment. We do this by interpreting the natural world around us and acting as an educational resource in biology, ecology and natural history for all students, young and old!

We offer a variety of outreach programs that will fulfill your instructional and educational needs. All of our outreach programs include hands-on interaction with mounts, pelts and other bio-facts! If you have a special topic or educational need, we will do our best to accommodate you with a special program.

The naturalists at the Stage Nature Center enjoy working with your students as they expand their knowledge of the natural world. It's easy to book for 1, 2 or 3 classes at a time!!

## **School Outreach Fees:**

Outreach Program (Troy) - \$2.50 Outreach Program (Non-Troy) - \$3.50 + mileage

Special Program (Troy) - \$3.50 Special Program (Non-Troy) - \$4.50 +mileage

- \*\*Minimum group size is 25
- \*\*Adults same price as students
- \*\*The teacher is free



#### **DIRECTIONS**

#### 1-75 North

Exit at Crooks Road and travel north on Crooks to Square Lake Road. Go west on Square Lake Road to Coolidge Highway. Go north on Coolidge Highway to the Stage Nature Center

#### 1-75 South

Exit at Adams Road, and travel east on Square Lake Road. Go north on Coolidge Highway to the Stage Nature Center

# **Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center**

#### **Hours:**

Monday Closed

Tuesday—Saturday 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Sunday 12—5 pm

Daily Admission Fee: \$1 per person

(waived if attending a program)

**Yearly Admission Passes:** \$10/Individual

\$25/Family

#### **Preschool**

4-5 year-olds I hour



We will explore the lives of animals through this hands-on and interactive program. Using mounts, furs, feathers, shells and other touchable bio-facts, our naturalist will facilitate your young students' first-class experience of nature right from their seats!

Requires: table for mounts

# **Backyard Animals**

K-1st grade I hour



From bugs to birds and frogs to fish, students will learn about animals large and small, tame and wild! Using animal mounts and hands-on touchable pelts, our naturalist will familiarize your students with the common animals found in this area.

Requires: table for mounts

# **Animal Adaptations**

2nd-3rd grade I hour

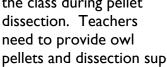
It's nature tool time! Naturalists will arrive with a tool box and mounted specimens to demonstrate how animals have evolved their own built-in tools. These adaptations allow wildlife to thrive in their niche or "get the job done."

Requires: a table for mounts

### **Owl Pellet Investigations**

3rd-6th grade 1.5 hours

Learn about food chains. predation and the natural history of owls in this hands-on session. The naturalist will introduce the topics through a lively discussion using bio-facts and slides. They will also provide hands-on assistance to the class during pellet dissection. Teachers need to provide owl



pellets and dissection supplies. Call the SNC for pellet source information if needed.

This program usually has all classes meeting together for the slides and introduction and the naturalist will then travel to each classroom to help with the dissection, one class at a time.

Requires: screen and table for slides and projector, owl pellets and dissection supplies, and a table in each classroom for mounts

Don't forget about our GREAT programs that we offer as fieldtrips at the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center!! Check out our School Programs brochure for more information!! www.troymi.gov/ParksRec/NatureCenter

### Wildlife Discovery

4th-5th grade I hour

Help your students understand basic factors affecting all wildlife. Students focus on a mystery animal to learn about predator/ prey relationships. A



role-playing game, biofacts and slides are utilized in this program, which was developed by Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Requires: open space for game (gym), chalkboard, screen and table for slides and projector

## **Rock Your World**

4th-6th grade I hour



We will rock your world with our engaging geology program! Students will explore unique rocks and minerals as they learn how some of them are used as fuels, building materials and household items. Our hands-on instruction will also cover fossils and glaciations through demonstrations and pictorial learning. This program will give the students a founda-

tion in understanding the complexity of geology.

Requires: a table for specimens

